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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

In the claims

Please add the following new claims:

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187. Method of controlling operation of a data storage device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a controller for controlling at least one of a seek time of the data storage device and a noise level of the data storage device;

operating the controller so as to alter settings in the controller for at least one of the seek time and the noise level of the data storage device; and

outputting commands to the data storage device causing the data storage device to alter its operation in accordance with the altered settings.

188. A disc drive comprising a controller under control of a user which alters seek time of the disc drive and noise level of the disc drive in inverse relation.

189. The disc drive of claim 188 wherein the controller comprises discrete values which are selectable to alter the noise level and/or the seek of the disc drive.